



TAEP Producer Diversification Program

Viticulture Criteria

For Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 *

Program Criteria:

- * This information is current as of **June 8, 2009** and is a supplement to the TAEP 2009 Application and Guidelines.
- **Producers** are eligible for the following cost share percentages for qualified expenses:
 - **Standard** - 35% cost share up to a maximum of \$10,000.
 - **Priority** - 50% cost share up to a maximum of \$15,000 for purchase of specific varieties of grapes and trellis materials need for planting these varieties (see below for details).
- The proposed activity must encompass **quality expansion** or **improvement** of the applicant's business. Eligible categories include:
 - Farm Infrastructure
 - Specialty Equipment
 - Marketing

Competitive Projects – Viticulture:

Emphasis is given to projects that are focused on improving or increasing production. Marketing projects are allowed but are not considered as competitive as those involving production.

Priority Cost Share – Special Requirements for 50% Cost Share:

What items are eligible for the 50% priority cost share?

Eligible items include purchase of **specific varieties of grapes** listed below and trellis **materials** needed for planting these varieties. *These specific varieties are proven viable in areas of Tennessee and have demonstrated through out of state (k) (6) waiver requirements per the Tennessee Grape and Wine Law.*

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| ▪ <i>Cabernet Sauvignon – grafted plants</i> | ▪ <i>Seyval</i> |
| ▪ <i>Chardonal</i> | ▪ <i>Sunbelt</i> |
| ▪ <i>Chardonnay – grafted plants</i> | ▪ <i>Traminette</i> |
| ▪ <i>Concord</i> | ▪ <i>Trellis materials for planting these specific varieties</i> |

What items are eligible for the 35% standard cost share?

Examples of Eligible Items:

Automated harvester	- pivot	Pruner – <i>vine stock</i>
Bladder press (grape)	- pump	Transport tank (juice)
Chilling unit	- spray equipment	Trellis materials
Crusher/destemmer	Juice chiller	Trimmer – <i>vine stock</i>
Fertilizer equipment	Juice press	<u>Vine stock</u>
Forklift rotator (attachment)	Juice pump	- <i>blackberries</i>
Frost protection	Must (pulp) pump	- <i>blueberries</i>
Harvest bins	Loading area/dock	- <i>grapes</i>
<u>Irrigation</u>	<u>Pest control</u>	- <i>raspberries</i>
- controller system	- <i>bird control netting</i>	Vineyard hoe
- drip	- <i>spray equipment</i>	Water storage tanks
- filter system	- <i>wildlife barrier</i>	Well – <i>equipment only</i>
- overhead	Post hole digger	(<i>no drilling costs</i>)

Examples of Ineligible Items:

ATV	Give-a-way items	Plants – liners/plugs
Barn – <i>livestock</i>	Golf cart	Property – <i>purchase or</i>
Building – <i>storage</i>	Insecticides	<i>debt payment</i>
Chemicals	Labor – <i>applicant or</i>	Renovations of existing
Computer	<i>employees of applicant</i>	structures
Concession stands	Landscaping	Seeds – <i>produce,</i>
Containers - <i>bottles, pots</i>	Land – <i>clearing of</i>	<i>nursery, flowers, etc</i>
Drip tape	Livestock	Software
Electrical service	Maintenance of existing	Store – (resale of goods)
Fees	structures	Tractor
- <i>membership</i>	Meeting expenses	Trade show expenses
- <i>hosting (web)</i>	Merchandise	Trailers – <i>livestock</i>
- <i>domain (web)</i>	Motorized vehicles	Used equipment
Fencing	Mower	Water source creation –
Fertilizer	Office equipment	<i>ponds/wells</i>
Forklift	Permits	Wells – <i>drilling of</i>
Fuel	Pesticides	Winemaking equipment

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